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17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

18 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

19 FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

20 Case No. 2:18-cv-00030-JCM-BNW

21 Plaintiff,

22 **NOTICE OF RECEIVER'S FINAL
23 REPORT AND APPLICATION FOR:
24 (1) DISCHARGE OF RECEIVER, AND
25 (2) APPROVAL OF FINAL FEE
26 APPLICATION**

27 v.

28 CONSUMER DEFENSE, LLC, et al.,

1 Plaintiff,
2 Defendants.
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1 Thomas W. McNamara, as the Court-appointed Receiver (“Receiver”), by and through
2 his undersigned counsel, submits this Final Report for the Court’s consideration, and applies for
3 discharge of the Receiver and approval of the Receiver’s Final Fee Application for the period of
4 April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. This Application is made pursuant to Sections
5 XIV.E and XX of the Preliminary Injunction (“PI,” ECF No. 55) and is based upon this Final
6 Report and Application, the Declaration of Thomas W. McNamara, and upon such other
7 pleadings and oral and documentary evidence as may be presented at or before the time of the
8 hearing on the Application.

INTRODUCTION

On January 8, 2018, the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) initiated this lawsuit against corporate defendants Consumer Defense, LLC (a Nevada LLC); Consumer Link, Inc.; Preferred Law, PLLC; American Home Loan Counselors; American Home Loans, LLC; Consumer Defense Group, LLC; Consumer Defense, LLC (a Utah LLC); Brown Legal, Inc.; AM Property Management, LLC; FMG Partners, LLC; and Zinly, LLC; and individual defendants Jonathan P. Hanley; Benjamin R. Horton; and Sandra X. Hanley for alleged violations of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, and numerous provisions of the Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule (“MARS Rule (Regulation O)”). *See* ECF No. 1.

18 On January 10, 2018, the Court appointed Mr. McNamara as the Receiver of the
19 Receivership Entities¹ pursuant to entry of its Temporary Restraining Order with Asset Freeze,
20 Appointment of Receiver, and Other Equitable Relief, and Order to Show Cause Why a
21 Preliminary Injunction Should Not Issue. *See* ECF No. 12 (“TRO”). The Receiver’s
22 appointment was confirmed, and the temporary designation removed, by the Preliminary
23 Injunction entered February 20, 2018. *See* ECF No. 55 (“PI”).

24 ¹ Receivership Entities are defined in the TRO to mean the “Corporate Defendants [Consumer
25 Defense, LLC (a Nevada LLC); Consumer Link, Inc.; Preferred Law, PLLC; American Home
26 Loan Counselors; American Home Loans, LLC; Consumer Defense Group, LLC; Consumer
27 Defense, LLC (a Utah LLC); Brown Legal, Inc.; AM Property Management, LLC; FMG
28 Partners, LLC; Zinly, LLC; and each of their subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, and assigns] as
well as any other entity that has conducted any business related to mortgage assistance relief
services, including receipt of Assets derived from any activity that is the subject of the
Complaint in this matter, and that the Receiver determines is controlled or owned by any
Defendant.” See TRO Definitions, paragraph N, page 6.

The Receiver was given a number of duties under the PI including, but not limited to:

- Taking custody and control of the Receivership Entities' assets and documents, PI § XIV.B;
 - Preserving the value of the Receivership Entities' assets, PI § XIV.C;
 - Preventing the loss of the Receivership Entities' documents, PI § XIV.D;
 - Securing and taking exclusive custody of the Receivership Entities' business locations, PI § XIV.G;
 - Providing both the FTC and Defendants with access to the Receivership Entities' documents, PI § XIV.P; and
 - Suspending the Corporate Defendants' business operations if, in the Receiver's judgment, they could not continue lawfully and profitably, PI § XIV.R.

12 As described in greater detail below, and in line with his duties, the Receiver secured the
13 sites Defendants used for their business; prepared a preliminary report assessing whether the
14 business could continue to operate lawfully and profitably and ultimately concluding that it could
15 not; suspended consumer payments to Defendants; initially communicated with mortgagees on
16 behalf of consumers facing pending foreclosure sales, requesting postponements to allow
17 consumers to secure legal or other assistance; maintained and serviced mortgage loans held by
18 Receivership Entity American Home Loans, LLC (“AHL”); provided notice to consumers about
19 the case on an ongoing basis; and liquidated receivership assets, including vehicles, real
20 property, jewelry, and artwork.

21 The case is therefore now resolved as to the Receivership Entities.² Having fulfilled his
22 duties under the PI, the Receiver now presents this Final Report and requests discharge from his
23 duties and final payment of fees and expenses.

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25 ² On December 5, 2019, the Court entered an Order for Permanent Injunction and Monetary
26 Judgment as to the Receivership Entities and Individual Defendants. (“Permanent Injunction,”
27 ECF No. 320.) Defendants Sandra Hanley and Jonathan Hanley appealed the Permanent
28 Injunction against them however, on February 3 (ECF No. 328) and February 4, 2021 (ECF No.
330), respectively. Those appeals remain pending but do not present a hinderance to the
conclusion of the Receivership as none of the Receivership Entities appealed the Permanent
Injunction and they are not parties to the ongoing appellate proceedings.

FINAL REPORT

I. Commencement of the Receivership

A. Immediate Access and Preliminary Report

On Thursday, January 11, 2018, the Receiver and his team implemented the immediate access provisions of the TRO (Section XXIII) by taking possession of the offices of Receivership Entities at 41 West 9000 South, Sandy, Utah 84070 (“Sandy Office”). A secondary business location at 8180 South 700 East, Suite 110, Sandy, Utah 84070 was inspected, though it was confirmed that no active business was being conducted there and those offices had been vacated. Service of the TRO was also executed on four virtual office locations in Nevada and Utah where Receivership Entities had received mail.

When the Receiver arrived at the Sandy Office on-site personnel, including Mr. Hanley, were interviewed. After confirming that all hard copy documents were secure, the computer forensics firm retained by the Receiver supervised the forensic imaging (which was principally conducted by IT personnel from the FTC) of selected desktop computers, the telephone server, and Mr. Hanley’s smartphone. A locksmith was employed to change the locks on the exterior doors to the building.

Onsite, we identified two cloud-based data storage programs: LoanPost (the CRM database used to maintain customer information and accounts) and Smartsheet (an online spreadsheet collaboration program used to track account financial activity). The business utilized Google G Suite accounts for email communications and document sharing and maintained multiple email domains. As the Receiver later confirmed, new domains were created when the business would need to change names (which happened frequently) after consumer complaints became too numerous.

B. Consumer Protection Efforts

After the premises were secured and initial employee interviews were completed, the Receiver suspended all “intake” sales activities by excusing sales personnel, temporarily deactivating the telephone system, and updating the outgoing telephone greeting to include a “notice to consumers” to alert callers to the suspension of operations, provide them with the

1 address for the Receiver's website, and recommend that they contact their lender, a government-
 2 sponsored non-profit loan modification service, or a local attorney. The website to which
 3 consumers were directed had information about the FTC action, pertinent Court filings, and
 4 information about alternative resources for consumers seeking loan modifications. The Receiver
 5 also sent an email message to all customers with active accounts with Defendants to provide
 6 them with notice of the case.

7 After suspending all loan modification processing, the Receiver identified files with
 8 imminent foreclosures sale dates. The Receiver's team contacted those borrowers and their
 9 lenders to apprise them of the FTC action and the TRO directly, and to request that the lenders
 10 extend the sale dates by at least 60 days.

11 **C. Obstruction by Defendants Jonathan Hanley and Sandra Hanley**

12 From the onset, Defendants Jonathan Hanley and Sandra Hanley were uncooperative and
 13 impeded the Receiver's efforts to execute his duties under the terms of the TRO:

- 14 • When the Receiver effected immediate access, Mr. Hanley told employees that
 they were not required to speak to the Receiver and instructed them to leave;
- 15 • Mr. Hanley refused to provide accurate administrative passwords to the Google
 G Suite accounts, thus preventing the Receiver from securing and reviewing that
 data;
- 16 • Mr. Hanley attempted to secure funds through a condominium in Park City, Utah
 owned by Receivership Entity AM Property Management LLC, either through
 selling the property or obtaining loans secured by it;
- 17 • Mrs. Hanley accessed her email accounts after being served with the TRO and
 sent instructions to property rental agencies in charge of leasing the Park City
 condominium to change the contact information and payment arrangements;³
- 18 • Mrs. Hanley also forwarded emails to her private email account and deleted
 others;
- 19 • Mr. Hanley ignored instructions from the Receiver to deliver three vehicles⁴ titled
 in the name of Receivership Entities to the Receiver for storage; Mr. Hanley even

25 ³ By acting quickly, the Receiver's team was able to give notice of the TRO to the rental
 26 agencies and payment processor in time to freeze approximately \$6,000 that would have
 27 otherwise been diverted to the Hanleys.

28 ⁴ The three vehicles were a 2007 Chevy Suburban owned by Brown Legal, Inc., a 2014 Porsche
 29 911 Carrera 4S owned by AM Property Inc., and a 2015 Forest River Viking V-Trec camping
 30 trailer owned by AM Property LLC. Mr. Hanley did deliver a fourth vehicle, a 2008 Mercedes
 31 Benz S550 owned by Brown Legal, Inc. to the Receiver on time as instructed.

1 attempted to sell one of the three (a 2014 Porsche 911), though the Receiver was
 2 able to thwart his plans and secure the three vehicles within a week;

- 3 • Mr. Hanley confirmed that his business maintained four separate storage units
 4 (mostly for personal property and furniture), but refused to provide the Receiver
 5 with the locations of the units and the necessary access information (the Receiver
 6 was finally permitted to inspect the units on January 18, 2018 after the Hanleys'
 7 counsel advised them to cooperate).

8 **D. The Receiver's Preliminary Report**

9 The Complaint in this matter alleged that from at least October 2011, the Defendants,
 10 through operation of a common enterprise, engaged in an unlawful course of conduct to
 11 advertise, market, sell, provide, offer to provide, or arrange for others to provide mortgage
 12 assistance relief services (MARS), including mortgage loan modification services, loan
 13 document audits, and services to stop or avoid foreclosure. It was alleged Defendants preyed on
 14 financially distressed homeowners by luring them into signing contracts for MARS services with
 15 deceptive and false promises that Defendants will stop homeowners from going into foreclosure
 16 and modify their mortgage loans to make their payments more affordable.

17 Following his initial investigation, and as set forth in detail in his Preliminary Report, the
 18 Receiver concluded that Defendants' business could not operate legally and profitably going
 19 forward. Deceptive and illegal practices were ingrained in, and central to, the profitable
 20 operation of the business. Even if Defendants had been able to completely overhaul their
 21 business practices, they lacked the operating income to allow them to build the volume of
 22 business necessary to succeed. Without collecting advance fees, the business would have
 23 required substantial capital to fund operations while remaining compliant with the provisions of
 24 the MARS Rule.

25 **II. Assets of the Receivership Estate**

26 **A. Real Property**

27 1. Sandy Office Building

28 The Sandy Office Building, located at 41 West 9000 South, Sandy, Utah, is a two-story
 stand-alone building with approximately 5,820 square feet of useable space in a suburban office
 park. Receivership Entity Zinly, LLC ("Zinly") purchased the Sandy Office Building from

1 Olmsted Capital, LLC (“Olmsted”) on October 5, 2016 for \$700,000. Olmsted provided
 2 financing for Zinly’s purchase and held a promissory note with a principal amount of \$510,000.⁵

3 On January 18, 2019, the Court granted the Receiver’s motion for authorization to sell the
 4 Sandy Office Building and ordered him to submit a proposed order appointing three appraisers
 5 (ECF No. 182 at 12-13), which the Receiver did on January 25, 2019 (ECF No. 185). The Court
 6 entered the Receiver’s proposed order on April 30, 2019 and directed the Receiver to engage the
 7 three appraisers to prepare appraisal reports. The April 30, 2019 Order also authorized the
 8 Receiver to employ a real estate agent and to file a motion for an order confirming any
 9 subsequent proposed sale of the Sandy Office Building. ECF No. 205. The appraisals were
 10 obtained, and the property was listed on or about May 14, 2019. While the Receiver received
 11 offers for the property, Olmsted, the holder of the promissory note, issued a payoff demand in
 12 excess of the highest offer received.

13 A dispute ensued between the Receiver and Olmsted concerning (i) whether Zinly had
 14 defaulted on the loan prior to the commencement of the instant action and appointment of the
 15 Receiver, and (ii) the amount of the current balance owed under the promissory note.
 16 Recognizing that litigating these issues was likely to be costly and time-consuming, the Receiver
 17 and Olmsted endeavored to resolve the matter through extensive pre-litigation settlement
 18 discussions, which resulted in a settlement agreement. The terms of the settlement agreement
 19 provided that Olmsted would pay the Receiver \$80,000 and the Receiver would then transfer the
 20 Sandy Office Building to Olmsted by deed in lieu of foreclosure. Both parties complied with the
 21 terms of the agreement, and after paying delinquent property taxes (\$22,719.74), delinquent
 22 HOA fees and assessments (\$23,345.31), and prorated property taxes (\$3,634.05), net proceeds
 23 to the Receivership Estate were \$30,300.90.

24 2. Park City Condo

25 In September 2014, Receivership Entity AM Property Management, LLC
 26 (“AM Property”) acquired the property located at 8165 Royal Street East, No. 9, Park City, Utah

27 ⁵ The note required monthly interest-only payments of \$4,675. Until January 11, 2018, Zinly
 28 paid the monthly interest payments. Zinly also paid \$5,100 to extend the maturity date from
 January 3, 2018 to April 3, 2018.

1 ("Park City Condo") for \$1.3 million. The Park City Condo was a five-bedroom, six-bath
 2 residence with approximately 4,005 square feet in Deer Valley, which the Hanleys mainly used
 3 as a vacation rental offered via Airbnb and VRBO. To finance the purchase of the Park City
 4 property, AM Property had obtained a \$700,000 loan; at the time the Receiver took possession of
 5 the property, the outstanding principal balance of the loan was nearly \$690,000 and had become
 6 delinquent. The Park City Condo was also subject to quarterly association dues of
 7 approximately \$4,000 which had also become extremely delinquent, and also owed the
 8 association a fine of \$10,000 related to an improperly built deck on the property.

9 Prior to the imposition of the receivership, the Park City Condo had been used as rental
 10 property. With the assistance of a local property management company, the Receiver was able
 11 to continue generating funds for the estate by using the condominium as a vacation rental. In
 12 addition to generating approximately \$190,000 in net rental fees, the Receiver was also able to
 13 use the rental fees to ensure that the property was properly maintained, which normally would
 14 have been at a significant cost to the estate.

15 The Court's January 18, 2019 Order (ECF No. 182), which authorized the Receiver to
 16 sell the Sandy Office Building, also authorized the Receiver to sell the Park City condominium
 17 pursuant to a similar procedure (the filing of a proposed order that explicitly appointed three
 18 proposed appraisers by name, followed by the listing and sale of the property). On April 30,
 19 2019, the Court entered the proposed order provided by the Receiver. The order directed him to
 20 engage the three appraisers to prepare appraisal reports and authorized him to employ a real
 21 estate agent and file a motion for an order confirming any subsequent proposed sale of the Park
 22 City condominium. ECF No. 205.

23 The Park City condominium was listed on or about May 24, 2019. After substantial
 24 marketing through various national real estate websites, local newspapers, and other print
 25 publications, seven private showings were held for potential buyers. Four individuals submitted
 26 offers; two of the offers were immediately rejected (one was too low and the other involved a
 27 property trade). The other two offers were closer to the listing price and came in around the
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1 same time. The Receiver informed both parties of competing bids and ultimately accepted an
 2 offer of \$1,900,000 for the property.

3 On August 30, 2019, the Receiver filed a motion for an order approving and confirming
 4 the sale of the Park City condominium. ECF No. 270. Although the FTC found the Receiver's
 5 request to approve the sale of the Park City condominium reasonable,⁶ Mr. Hanley filed an
 6 opposition to the sale. ECF No. 278. On October 9, 2019, the Court entered an order approving
 7 and confirming the sale. ECF No. 298. Mr. Hanley appealed the Order (ECF No. 311), but the
 8 appeal was dismissed for failure to prosecute on March 19, 2020. Fortunately, this delay tactic
 9 did not impact the sale: the parties agreed to extend the escrow until the appeal was decided
 10 (ECF No. 324), and on May 13, 2020 escrow closed.

11 During the pendency of the escrow, a dispute arose between the Receiver and the holder
 12 of the 1st deed of trust on the property concerning the lender's entitlement to approximately
 13 \$64,000 in "default interest." The disputed amount was ultimately held back in escrow by the
 14 escrow officer so as not to impede the closing of the sale. After significant subsequent
 15 negotiations and settlement discussions between the Receiver and the lender, the parties entered
 16 into a confidential settlement agreement pursuant to which the Receivership Estate received
 17 roughly 84% of the disputed amount and the lender received the balance. In all, the Receivership
 18 Estate's net proceeds from the sale of the Park City condo were \$853,595.82.

19 **B. Vehicles**

20 Receivership Entities owned three automobiles and one camping trailer: (1) 2014 Porsche
 21 Carrera 4S; (2) 2008 Mercedes Benz S550; (3) 2007 Chevrolet Suburban; and (4) 2015 Forest
 22 River Viking V-Trec Camping Trailer (collectively, the "Vehicles"). After the Receiver took
 23 possession of the Vehicles, he arranged for them to be secured at storage facilities in Utah. On
 24 April 16, 2018, the Receiver filed a motion requesting an order authorizing the sale of real
 25 property and vehicles. ECF No. 101. The Court entered the order as requested, authorizing the
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27 ⁶ FTC'S Non-Opposition to Receiver's Motion for Order Approving Sale of Park City Property
 28 (ECF No. 277).

1 Receiver to sell the Vehicles employing commercially reasonable sales methods, on January 18,
2 2019. ECF No. 182.

3 The Receiver determined that the Chevy and the Mercedes would have required
4 substantial repairs in order to sell them at retail and so, after researching local consignment and
5 other sales channel options, he entered into a consignment arrangement with a local dealer in Salt
6 Lake City, Utah to sell the Vehicles. The Mercedes had more than 110,000 miles and required at
7 least \$5,000 in repairs. Considering the estimated retail value was only \$8,000, it was sold “as-
8 is” for \$4,500, minus the 5% commission to the consignment dealer. The Chevy was also a
9 high-mileage vehicle, with over 200,000 miles, significant cosmetic issues (including areas of
10 rust), and also required mechanical repairs of approximately \$1,500. It sold “as-is” for \$1,500,
11 minus the 5% commission.

12 As referenced above, Mr. Hanley attempted to sell the 2014 Porsche 911 Carrera 4S to a
13 local Porsche dealer in violation of the TRO. Upon demand, the dealer turned the Porsche over
14 to the Receiver when provided a copy of the TRO. *See* ECF No. 26 at 11. Once the Court
15 authorized the Receiver to sell the Vehicles, the same local dealer made an offer to purchase the
16 Porsche. Because the dealer’s offer was below retail, the Receiver arranged for the Porsche to be
17 sold through the consignment dealer. It sold for \$77,500, minus the 5% commission and cost of
18 emissions testing.

19 The 2015 Forest River Viking V-Trec Camping Trailer was a pop-up tent trailer and did
20 not generate much interest, but eventually sold in June 2020 for \$6,000, minus the 5%
21 commission and vehicle reconditioning costs.

22 The sale of the Vehicles netted the Receivership Estate a total of \$84,222.63 (\$1,425.00
23 for the 2007 Chevrolet Suburban; \$4,275.00 for the 2008 Mercedes Benz; \$73,463.75 for the
24 2014 Porsche 911; and \$5,058.88 for the 2015 V-Trec Camping Trailer).

25 **C. Jewelry**

26 In response to the temporary restraining order, JPMorgan Chase (“Chase”) identified
27 three safe deposit boxes leased by Sandra Hanley. Following entry of the Order for Permanent
28 Injunction and Monetary Judgment (ECF No. 320), the FTC contacted Chase, directing the bank

1 to turn over the contents of the safe deposit boxes to the Receiver as the Court’s designated
 2 agent. The contents of the safe deposit boxes revealed \$26,741 in cash in addition to jewelry (a
 3 ring, earrings, and gemstone), among other things. Personal papers (Social Security card,
 4 Certificate of Marriage, citizenship papers) were returned to the Hanleys, as well as a sapphire
 5 ring that Sandra Hanley claimed was a family heirloom. After obtaining multiple appraisals, the
 6 earrings and the loose 1.70 carat diamond were liquidated for \$2,750.

7 **D. Artwork**

8 The Receiver determined that artwork (a piece of limited-edition fine art photography)
 9 originally installed at the Park City Condo had been acquired with funds from Receivership
 10 Entities. The print was purchased in 2017 for approximately \$6,450. The Receiver’s team
 11 contacted the original photographer at his gallery, other local galleries, and listed the piece on
 12 eBay for almost a year, gradually dropping the price to generate some interest. During this time
 13 Mr. Hanley offered to purchase the piece on multiple occasions, with the Receiver declining each
 14 time. Because other offers never materialized, however, the Receiver ultimately accepted Mr.
 15 Hanley’s offer of \$1,500 for the print on or around April 12, 2021.

16 **E. AHL Mortgage Loan Portfolio**

17 AHL played the role of substitute lender for a limited number of homeowners, which
 18 resulted in a small portfolio of 24 mortgage loans identified in AHL’s records as “AHL
 19 Fundings.”⁷ See ECF No. 26 at 11-12, 20-21; see also ECF No. 26-2 at 68-87 (Receiver’s
 20 Preliminary Financial Report). The bulk of these loans belonged to homeowners who were
 21 unable to secure a loan modification, and as a consequence, the loans usually involved lower-
 22 end, distressed homes. AHL negotiated and funded a “short payoff” for these homeowners with
 23 the lender and simultaneously entered into a First Trust Deed mortgage with the homeowner, by
 24 which AHL became the secured lender. In two instances, one in Iowa and one in Mississippi,
 25 AHL actually purchased the homeowner’s property as a short sale and then later entered into
 26 loan arrangements with the homeowners. Because the loans were assets of the Receivership

27 ⁷ The Receiver has previously referenced the AHL portfolio consisting of 25 mortgages. In fact,
 28 further investigation revealed one mortgage was paid in full through a home sale which occurred
 almost a year prior to the Receiver’s appointment – thus there were actually only 24 mortgages.

1 Estate, the Receiver continued to manage those loans (corresponding with homeowners,
2 servicing the loans, and preparing statements (including Form 1098 Mortgage Interest
3 Statements) as necessary) and collect payments from homeowners who submitted them.

4 In September 2020, the Receiver's office contacted all 24 homeowners with settlement
5 proposals which were developed based upon a number of factors: (i) the amount of the mortgage;
6 (ii) the total amount paid to date (a combination of payments made directly to AHL and
7 payments made to the Receiver after he took control of AHL); and (iii) the amount that Hanley
8 paid for the mortgage. Over the subsequent months, the Receiver spent considerable time and
9 effort following up with homeowners regarding these potential settlements. He was ultimately
10 able to successfully negotiate settlements with 18 of the 24 homeowners, all of which resulted in
11 allowing the borrowers to retake ownership of their homes free and clear. These settlements and
12 mortgage payments resulted in aggregate funds of \$279,520.55 to the receivership.

13 Of the six remaining mortgages for which the Receiver was unable to reach a settlement
14 with the borrower, three of the six involved small and unsecured promissory notes for which
15 AHL had failed to properly record deeds of trust. Because of the low value of the notes and the
16 title issues, the Receiver elected to abandon these three mortgages. With respect to the final
17 three remaining homeowners with whom the Receiver was either unable to make contact or
18 settle, the Receiver elected to sell the mortgages. The Receiver interviewed and obtained offers
19 from various asset purchase companies but ultimately elected to sell the final three mortgages to
20 WPB Partners, LLC, entering into a Loan Purchase and Sale Agreement on July 26, 2021.
21 Following the close of a due diligence period, this transaction closed on September 30, 2021,
22 resulting in a payment of \$80,000 to the Receivership Estate.

23 **III. Receivership Accounting**

24 Attached as Exhibit A is a Receipts and Disbursements Summary for the receivership
25 period through October 1, 2021. It shows aggregate receipts of \$1,570,141.57, less
26 disbursements of \$454,125.00, for net cash as of this Final Report of \$1,116,016.57.

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APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE AND
APPROVAL OF FINAL FEE APPLICATION

3 On December 5, 2019, the Court entered an Order for Permanent Injunction and
4 Monetary Judgment as to the Receivership Entities and Individual Defendants (ECF No. 320),
5 resolving the case as to the Receivership Entities.

With the case now resolved as to the Receivership Entities and all asset issues resolved, Mr. McNamara files this Application for Discharge on the grounds that he has completed his duties as defined in the PI. Individual Defendants Sandra and Jonathan Hanley filed an appeal which remains pending before the Ninth Circuit. While the Receiver would normally suggest destruction of the Receivership Entities' business records 90 days after discharge, given the pendency of Sandra and Jonathan Hanley's appeal, the Receiver suggests the records be maintained until the appeal and further proceedings, if any, in this Court (the "appeal") are resolved.

14 The Final Fee Application seeks approval to pay fees and expenses for services during
15 the 18-month period April 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 as follows: \$53,641.50 fees and
16 \$827.64 expenses to the Receiver and his staff payable to TWM Receiverships, Inc. dba
17 Regulatory Resolutions; \$83,125.00 fees and \$212.49 expenses to Receiver's counsel McNamara
18 Smith LLP; and \$141.52 fees to Receiver's local counsel Ballard Spahr LLP.

19 The Final Fee Application also seeks authorization to hold back \$10,000 as a reserve for
20 final administrative costs, *e.g.*, document and electronics storage costs through the resolution of
21 Sandra and Jonathan Hanley’s appeal, removal and destruction of computer hard drives, and
22 document destruction costs, which may be expended without further order of the Court. Ninety
23 (90) days following resolution of Sandra and Jonathan Hanley’s appeal, any unexpended funds
24 from that reserve shall be disbursed to Plaintiff Federal Trade Commission. If the invoices in
25 this Final Fee Application are approved for payment in full, and the requested reserve of \$10,000
26 is approved, net cash for immediate transfer to the FTC will be \$968,068.42.

27 The Final Fee Application is made pursuant to Section XIV.E of the PI, which authorizes
28 the Receiver to, “[c]hoose, engage, and employ attorneys, accountants, appraisers, and other

1 independent contractors and technical specialists, as the Receiver deems advisable or necessary
2 in the performance of duties and responsibilities under the authority granted by this Order;" and
3 Section XX of the PI, which provides that the Receiver "and all personnel hired by the Receiver
4 as herein authorized, including counsel to the Receiver and accountants, are entitled to
5 reasonable compensation for the performance of duties pursuant to this Order and for the cost of
6 actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them, from the Assets now held by, in the possession
7 or control of, or which may be received by, the Receivership Entities."

8 The Application is based upon the Final Report, the Declaration of Thomas W.
9 McNamara, and the proposed Order filed concurrently with this Application, the pleadings in
10 this matter, and such other oral and documentary evidence that may be presented at or before the
11 time of the hearing on the Application.

12 Dated: October 6, 2021

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 6th day of October, 2021, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(b), I served via CM/ECF or delivered by email and mailing in the U.S. Mail, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF RECEIVER'S FINAL REPORT AND APPLICATION FOR: (1) DISCHARGE OF RECEIVER, AND (2) APPROVAL OF FINAL FEE APPLICATION**, postage prepaid and addressed to the following:

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